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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

I represent the community of Cedar Falls in the Iowa legislature. Since I was elected in 2004, I have made economic development a priority and work closely with area businesses to attract highly-trained workers and to ensure an environment for business growth and prosperity.

You don't need to go to Silicon Valley to find cutting-edge technology companies. Cedar Falls is home to a number of start-ups creating high-tech products with good-paying jobs. For example, TEAM Properties houses world-class data center facilities in Cedar Falls and Phantom EFX creates and designs online gaming systems here that are used worldwide.

In order for these companies, and others, to remain successful, we must provide them with access to the most advanced broadband networks available. This is why I support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA.

This merger would offer 4G LTE service to the vast majority of the country – over 97 percent – and it would be accomplished through AT&T's investment of billions of dollars over seven years following the merger's approval. This tremendous investment in wireless broadband build out is vital for all of our businesses, but especially those in the technology industry. It would ensure they could compete with companies in Silicon Valley and other larger cities, allowing them to create good-paying technology jobs right here in Iowa.

When considering this merger, please remember that there are cutting-edge companies all across the country, not just in our urban centers. The near universal access to high-speed wireless broadband guaranteed by this merger is an important factor to the success of the businesses I represent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Kressig".

Representative Bob Kressig
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